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My Dear General,

It is more than 18 months since I wrote to you last. I venture to address this letter to you hoping that you would once again look into the present state of our Farm affair and help me.

I was told by Mr. K.S. Kamath, the Deputy General Manager of the South Circle Canara Bank that the Board had cleared their request to take us to Court. Since 6th March 1980 our Farm is with the Interim Receiver appointed by the Court who was running the Farm with the help of a Bank Official who is supposed to be an Expert in Poultry.

All our efforts to get the Farm returned to us pleading that Poultry is a very sensitive operation needing dedicated personal attention was thwarted by the Bank saying that their expert who is paid more than Rs 2000/= P.M., which amount is not a drain on the estate is looking after the Farm much better than us.

By December 1980 all live stock has been disposed off, the accounts submitted by the Receiver/Bank Official to the Court shows a total Income of Rs 7.5 lakhs with an expenditure of Rs 7.2 lakhs without any payment to the Bank ! Now the Farm is barren and even the buildings are neglected as during this period simple managemental requirements like Redent Control, White Ant Control, Periodic repairs and manuring, etc of valuable Fruit trees on the Farm have not been attended to. This state of affairs reflects very adversely of the expertise of the Bank and also their callous indiference to others property, engaged in productive activities. By this hasty action of Canara Bank, specially when State Bank of India were considering taking over our Farm has resulted in destroying the farm, lively-hood of 30 families and my family which has invested everything we had on this farm. The damage done to me, an ex-Soldier, who had put in the best part of his life for the defence of the country and did my best in the last 16 years (evening years of my life) to be useful to the country, is really unpardonable

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I had approached Central leaders (Ministers), the Chief of the Army Staff, the Governor Reserve Bank and the State Government at various levels during the past 1½ years. They all tell me that as my case is Sub-Judice, at this stage, they cannot intervene. Now the case is coming to a close. On the 6th of this month hearing of the case was resumed when I heard the Bank lawyers submitting to the Judge that the case should be conducted and finalised early. They said that by August it would be time barred for them to register another case against me. This plea confirms my understanding of the case that the Bank has taken me to the court without any justification.

That they have not justified even a single charge on which they have taken us to the Court, hence I have 80.0 percent hopes that the present case against us will be thrown out lock stock and barrel.

I approach you General, who know our case from the begining and plead that if the present case is thrown out, the Bank should not institute another court case and keep it Sub-Judice. I have during the past 18 months learnt a lot about the Bank's working which does not in any way conform to the Government thinking of helping farming, nor our Prime Minister's ideals in Nationalising the Banks. I will be appealing to the Governments both State and Central and to the Defence Department to investigate our case, redress the damage caused to me financially, mentally and for destroying a food producing venture which was supporting 30 families directly and many more indirectly and producing valuable food.

It will not be out of place to mention to you that if I had been a man from South Canara, I would not have been draged to the court and destroyed like this? I also wonder if court cases are instituted by the bank only to benefit the lawyers hailing from that particular district and depositors money invested in that district and the pay structure of the bank officers being quite out of proportion to the countries per capita income, considering their contribution to the national productivity. Though I have gone through such agony and fire these 18 months, by God's Grace, I have not lost the ideals I have been brought up and also drummed in the Army, to be upright, not succumb to threats.

Wishing you very good health and with respectful Regards.

Yours Very Sincerely

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